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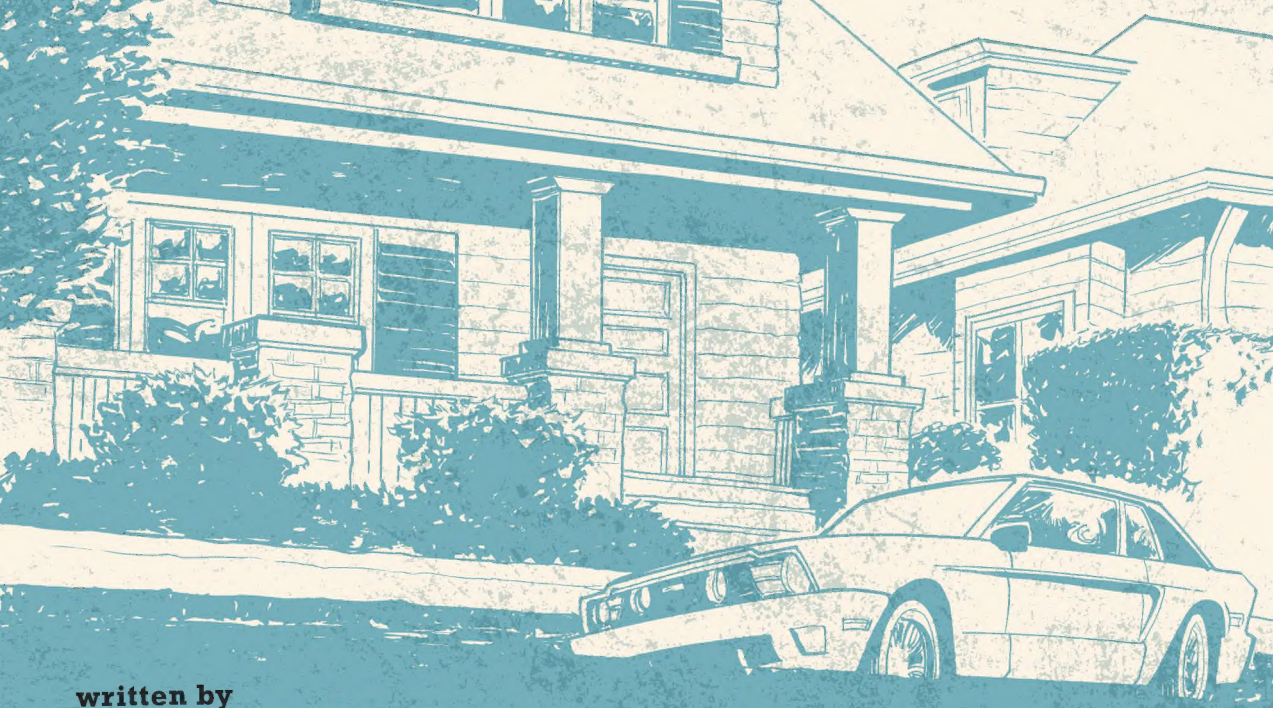

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IT'S YOURS, IT'S YOURS
SWING RIGHT SWING RIGHT
OPEN I'M OPEN
GET BACK GET BACK GET
WATCH THE CROSS WATCH FOR IT
CLEAR IT TRACY CLEAR IT
HAVE IT HAVE IT CK HAVE
QATAR AIRWAYS
IT HAVE IT HAVE
HOFFMAN 4
FOUL JESUS REF

TWEEEET TWEEEET
OH FOR THE LOVE OF--
HOFFMAN
4
--ARE YOU BLIND?
I MEAN, SERIOUSLY, ARE YOU EVEN WATCHING THIS GAME?
I GOT A MAGIC TRICK THAT'LL TURN THIS YELLOW INTO A RED, NUMBER FOUR...
...YOU LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT TO SEE IT, OKAY?
SHE WAS PRACTICALLY UNDRESSING ME!
FANTASIZE ABOUT THAT A LOT, DETECTIVE HOFFMAN?
DIVER.
WHATEVER WORKS, BABY.
NOW YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...

...I'M ABOUT TO MAKE AN ASS OUT OF YOUR KEEPER AND WIN THIS GAME AT THE SAME TIME.
DEX
1
C-C'MON DEX C'C'MON C'MON...
YOU KNOW, I HATE TO HUMILIATE YOU LIKE THIS, PARIOS, I REALLY DO.

THAT'S SWEET OF YOU, CK, THAT REALLY IS.
OH, HEY, BEEN MEANING TO ASK...
...YOU INHALE OR EXHALE WHEN YOU TAKE YOUR KICK?
HOFFMAN
4
ABREU
14
TWEEEEEEEEE

DEX
BANES
EXHALE, BABY...

...I'M ALL ABOUT MORE POWER.
YEAH, I, UH... NOTICED THAT.
TWEEEET TWEEEET TWEEEET
GOOD GAME, DEX.
THANKS, CK.
YOU WENT THE WRONG WAY.
DON'T YOU START, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FOULED HER IN THE BOX.
THAT WAS A TOTAL FLOP.
YOU SAW THE WAY SHE WAS HOLDING ME?
OH, I SAW IT...

...NOW I'M WONDERING WHEN YOU'LL FINALLY GET OVER YOURSELF AND ASK HER OUT?
FUCK YOU.
HOT, SWEATY BODIES COLLIDING ROUGHLY...
...IF IT'S NOT LOVE, IT'S LUST, ADMIT IT.
SHE'S FROM SEATTLE. I DO NOT DATE FLOUNDERS.
THE WAY YOU LET HER SCORE ON YOU, YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.
HOFF
4
THAT SOUNDS LIKE JEALOUSY TO ME.
W-WATER?
THANKS, ANSEL.
HOFFMAN
4
Y-Y-Y-YOU SHOULD SHOULD'VE GONE RIGHT.
OH, YOU THINK SO, LITTLE BROTHER?
MAYBE NEXT TIME YOU'LL GO IN GOAL FOR ME?
HA HA S-STOP, DEX!
Y-YOU'LL SAVE IT N-NEXT TIME.
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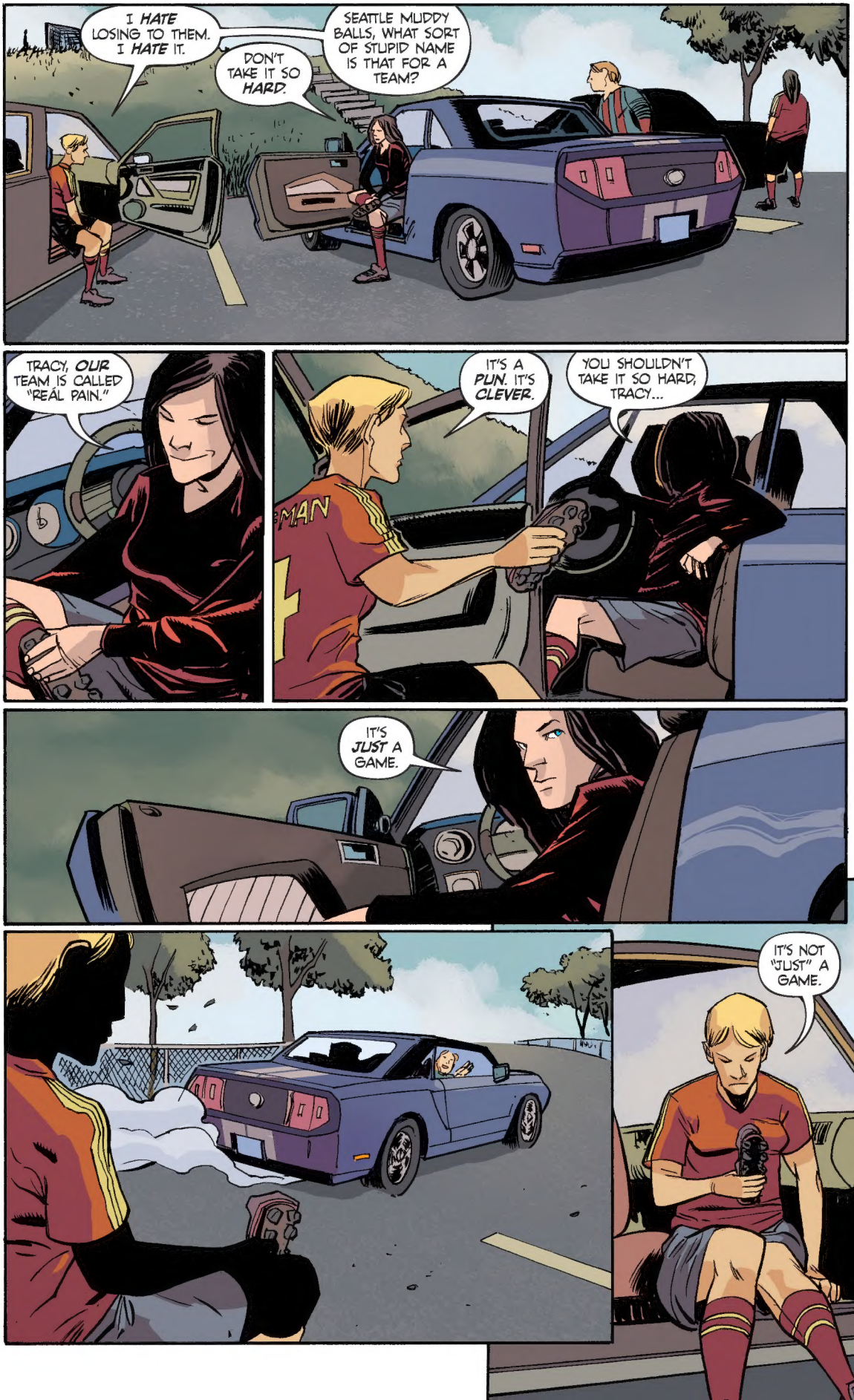

I HATE LOSING TO THEM. I HATE IT.
DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD.
SEATTLE MUDDY BALLS, WHAT SORT OF STUPID NAME IS THAT FOR A TEAM?
TRACY, OUR TEAM IS CALLED "REÁL PAIN."
IT'S A PUN. IT'S CLEVER.
YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE IT SO HARD, TRACY...
IT'S JUST A GAME.
IT'S NOT "JUST" A GAME.

TICKETS? TICKETS?
I NEED TICKETS
I NEED TICKETS
GOT TICKETS? YOU GOT TICKETS, BABY?
GIMME A PRICE, C'MON, BABY.
I NEED TICKETS
TICKETS? TICKETS?
C'MON, ANSEL.
W-WH-WHAT'S WRONG?
I'LL EXPLAIN IT LATER.

OVIDENCE PARK
BUILD A BONFIRE,
BUILD A BONFIRE
ALHASSAN
11
TICKETS
PUT SEATTLE ON THE TOP!
RCTID
PUT VANCOUVER IN THE MIDDLE...
...AND WE'LL BURN THE BLOODY LOT!!!

KHALIF! KHALIF! PUT YOUR HANDS UP!
KHALIF! KHALIF! PUT YOUR HANDS UP!
DEX!
PARIOS!!
KHALIF! KHALIF! PUT YOUR HANDS UP!
YEEEEEEAAAAHHH!!!!
KHALIF P-PUT HIS H-H-HANDS UP, DEX.
WHAT A SHOCK.
PARIOS!!
P-T!!! F-C!!!
P-T!!! F-C!!!

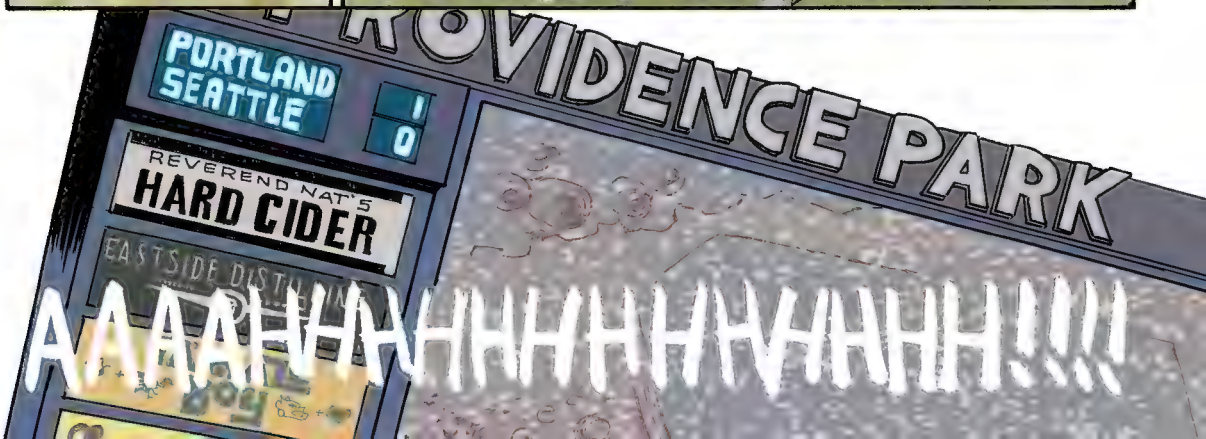
CUTTING IT CLOSE!
SAVED YOU SEATS.
HEY, THERE, ANSEL! READY TO GUT SOME FLOUNDER?
H-HI MERCURY! HI YES Y-YES I AM!
QATAR
I GOT A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS MATCH, MY FRIEND.
I THINK WE'RE IN FOR A JOHNSON & JOHNSON SPECIAL.
Y-YEAH? YEAH?
OH YEAH. BETTER THAN THAT.
GOT YOU SOMETHING...
...TICKETS TO THE AUTOGRAPH SESSION AFTER THE MATCH!
YOU ARE MY BEST FRIEND EVER!

HOW'D YOU MANAGE TO SCORE THE AUTOGRAPH TIX?
GOT 'EM FROM ZUS IN THE FRONT OFFICE. HE OWED ME A *FAVOR*.
YOU AIN'T NOTHING BUT A BIG *OLD SOFTIE*, MERCURY.
IT'S ALL ABOUT SPREADING THE *LOVE*, DEX.
JUST SPREADING THE *LOVE*...

WHEN I ROOT, I ROOT FOR THE TIMBERS!!
PORTLAND

I AM A TIMBERS FAN, I AM AN OREGONIAN
I KNOW WHAT I WANT AND I KNOW HOW TO GET IT

I WANNA DESTROY SEATTLE SCUM


PROVIDENCE PARK
PORTLAND
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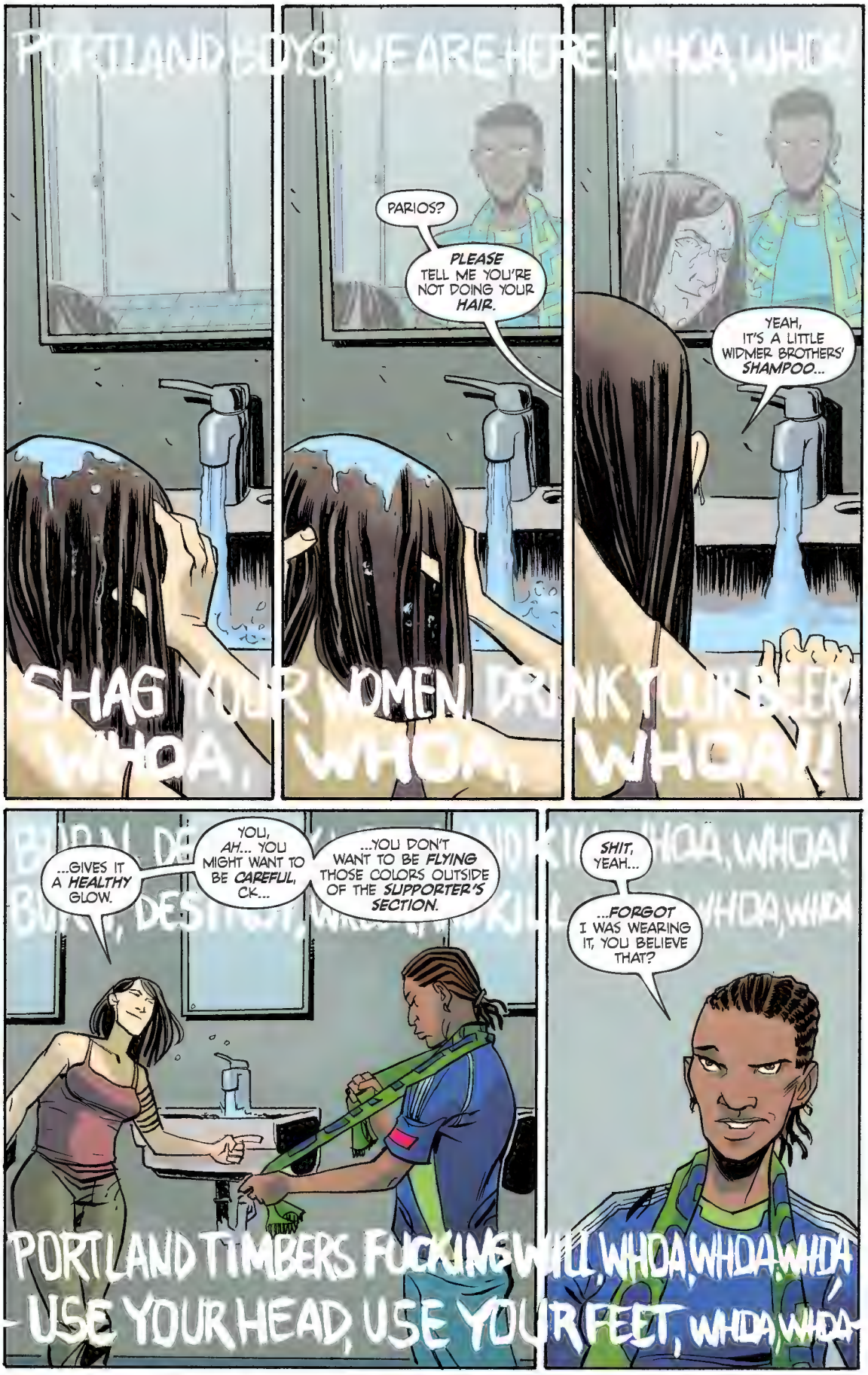
REVEREND NAT'S
HARD CIDER
AAAAHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!

AAHHH


PARIOS?
PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE NOT DOING YOUR HAIR.
YEAH, IT'S A LITTLE WIDMER BROTHERS' SHAMPOO...
...GIVES IT A HEALTHY GLOW.
YOU, AH... YOU MIGHT WANT TO BE CAREFUL, CK...
...YOU DON'T WANT TO BE FLYING THOSE COLORS OUTSIDE OF THE SUPPORTER'S SECTION.
SHIT, YEAH...
...FORGOT I WAS WEARING IT, YOU BELIEVE THAT?
PORTLAND TIMBERS FUCKING WHOA, WHOA, WHOA
USE YOUR HEAD, USE YOUR FEET, WHOA, WHOA

WANT ME TO WALK YOU BACK TO SAFER GROUND?
LAST THING WE WANT IS SOME DRUNK ASSHOLE GOING FULL HOOLIGAN ON YOU--
ROSE CITY 'TILL I DIE!
YOU GUYS JUST TIED IT UP.
I KNOW I AM, I'M SURE I AM, ROSE CITY 'TILL I DIE!!
ROSE CITY 'TILL I DIE!
SOUNDS LIKE.
ROSE CITY 'TILL I DIE!
I BETTER BEAT FEET BEFORE I'M SPOTTED IN ENEMY TERRITORY.
YOU DISPLAY WISDOM, GRASSHOPPER.
WE'LL SING FOR YOU TIMBERS, TILL YOU FINISH THE FIGHT-

TAKE MY HAND, TAKE MY WHOLE LIFE TOO-
PORTLAND
SEATTLE
2
1
-CAUSE I CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU-
NO PITY
P-T!!! F-C!!!
P-T!!! F-C!!! P-T!!! F-C!!!
P-T!!! F-C!!! P-T!!! F-C!!! P-T!!! F-C!!!
TIMBERS AR
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QATAR
P-T!!! F-C!!! P-T!!! F-C!!! P-T!!! F-C!!!
TIMBERS
13
2
NAGBE
JO
QUA

WE G-GONNA GET THE AUT'GRAPHS?
THAT'S THE PLAN, BIG MAN.
MERCURY, YOU COMING?
JUST TWO TICKETS, DEX.
TIME FOR THIS OG TO HEAD HOME AND CALL IT A NIGHT.
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.
THREE MORE POINTS.
THREE MORE POINTS.
QATAR
TIMBERS

DEX!
I W-WANT THEM TO S-S-SIGN MY STRIP!
I THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, ANSEL.
Y-YEAH? Y-YOU TH-THINK THEY WILL?
...BE-BECAUSE I W-WOULD LOVE THAT...
BARÇA SUCKS.
...IF IF W-WILL OR DIEGO OR--
--OR... OR...
...
...

...I DON'T W-WANT...
...L-L-LET'S GO HOME—
STAY HERE.
DON'T MOVE.
SORRY, MAN.
THAT... THAT WAS RUDE OF ME.
YES.

SIGN YOUR STRIP, MATE?
Y-YES, PLEASE.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
ANSEL.
RIGHT. AND WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
IT'S ANSEL, A-N-S--
NAH, I GOT HIS, I'M WONDERING ABOUT YOURS.
UH ME MINE I'M IT'S I...
DEX. I'M DEX.
I'M JAMES.
OH, I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
JIMMY BURKE.
THREE YEARS AT NOTTINGHAM, TWO WITH BOLTON, LOANED TO ASTON VILLA, SCORED THE WINNER IN '09 AGAINST--
I GUESS YOU DO, THEN.
NICE TO MEET YOU BOTH.
QATAR

G-GOT JIMMY AND DIEGO AND N-NAGS AND I NUH-NEED RICKETTS AND MIKEY MONEY AND I'MMA N-NOT GONNA WASH THIS EVER.
I THINK, I THINK J-JIMMY LIKES YOU.
I THINK.
WHAT?
A-A-AND YOU LIKE HIM.
WHAT?
IF IF YOU ASK HIM OUT I C-COULD GET AN'OTHER AUT'GRAPH.
ONE, YOU DO NOT GIVE ME DATING ADVICE.
TWO, I HIGHLY DOUBT HE'D BE LOOKING AT ME TWICE AND WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THIS ANYWAY?
Y-YOU LIKE JIMMY! YOU LIKE JIMMY!
I KNOW WHERE YOU SLEEP, ANSEL.
D-DEX AND JIMMY SITTIN' INNA T-TREE!
K-KAY EYE ESSESS EYE... EYE... A-AND...
...DEX? WH-WHAT'S THAT?

W-WHAT IS IT?
DEX?
DEX--
OH JESUS...
...OH, JESUS, MERCURY...
ANSEL! STAY THERE, DO NOT COME OVER HERE!
...MERCURY? MIKE, CAN YOU HEAR ME...?
...MIKE, I'M CALLING AN AMBULANCE...
...HOLD ON, YOU'RE GONNA BE OKAY...
...YOU'RE GONNA BE OKAY...

THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES
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